

ESG SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The City of Cambridge directs its Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds toward operation, renovation, and some essential service costs of homeless shelters that serve a vital link in our community's continuum of care for homeless individuals and families.

After issuing a competitive Request for Proposals to homeless service providers in Cambridge, the City awarded its Emergency Shelter Grant funds to eleven agencies providing a range of programs including: emergency shelters for individuals and families, transitional programs, day-time drop-in programs, a battered women's shelter and a van service to transport homeless individuals to shelters with available beds.

Providers draw on a wide array of sources to meet the matching requirements of the ESG program, including state and federal contracts, volunteer time, in-kind contributions of space, and corporate and private contributions.

HUD requires that each local government Grantee must match dollar-for-dollar the ESG funding provided by HUD with funds from other public and/or private sources. A grantee may comply with this requirement by:

- Providing matching funds itself, or
- Through matching funds or voluntary efforts provided by any recipient or project sponsor.

The City may use any of the following in calculating the amount of matching funds provided:

- Cash,
- The value or fair rental value of any donated material or building,
- The value of any lease on a building,
- Any salary paid to staff to carry out the program of the recipient; and
- The value of the time and services contributed by volunteers to carry out the program of the recipient at a current rate of \$5 per hour.

For a complete review of ESG requirements please visit The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's website:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/library/esg/esgdeskguide/introduction.cfm>